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than \$2,500, they can exercise their own judgment between \$2,500 and \$5,000, they have competitive and formal bidding and above that amount competitive bidding on almost everything with the exception of the first part of number 9. This is a departmental...I can't say it's a request because I went to them and they have no objections doing this because it accelerates the bidding process. For example, counties now, the county can buy \$3,000 without any bidding. So it seemed to me that to give the State of Nebraska \$2,500 in view of the amount of money they spend is not unreasonable and the public interest is protected. Now I'm sure that the purchasing agent's under the supervision of DAS, I know he's that, and they're both under the supervision of the Governor of the State of Nebraska. I'm sure they will not misuse it intentionally. I move for the adoption.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? Senator Warner?

SENATOR WARNER: I wonder if Senator Carpenter would yield to a question?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Certainly.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Carpenter, as I...what I'm wondering is, I noticed several places in the appropriations bill, there's been some discussion, of course, using it to give direction as to how money is spent. That in itself is...I see no problem. I'm wondering, have you checked with anybody where we're actually amending a section of law, if there's any possibility or probability I should say that that might create a problem of amending an existing statute and appropriation bill?

SENATOR CARPENTER: I think what you say is entirely true but I would think in this case, the Administration will not complain about it because I'm sure they want it. And I don't mean to say that they would not prefer, maybe, to have it done by the regular method. But we don't have the time. It wasn't thought of about when we had the time and that's the reason I put...to put it in the appropriation bill.

SENATOR WARNER: Now I think...let me rephrase it then, Senator Carpenter. I'm not arguing. As far as you're concerned, the Administration would not use this section in here since they concur in it as an excuse to otherwise object to the bill?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Yes.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? You ready for the question? The question is, the adoption of the Carpenter amendments as explained by Senator Carpenter. All those in favor, vote aye. Those opposed, vote no. Requires 25 votes. If you're going to vote, please vote, we'll just save time. Clerk will record. The amendments are adopted. Point of order from the Chair. Now, Senator Carpenter, earlier had asked, he asked unanimous consent that we consider the operating appropriation bills first on Select File which would LB1054, 1057 and 1059. And then the construction budget bills, LB1055 and 1056 and 1058, the reason being that we have to pass the operating budget. And these would come first on Select File, be followed by the construction budget. That makes sense to the Chair. I'm not...he asked unanimous consent, I'm not accepting any unanimous consent. However, let me ask you if there any objections to that.